

lead the daily activities and provide personal care to the participants. In addition, the program is designed to provide respite, education, and support to family caregivers.

The first Fairfax County Adult Day Health Care Program center opened its doors in Annandale on January 3, 1980. The Annandale center was the first public nonprofit elderly daycare facility in Fairfax County. This program was an exemplary example of inter-agency collaboration, a visionary approach to providing long-term care services, and innovative use of county resources. Over the next 22 years, four additional centers were opened including: the Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care center in June 1985, the Lincolnia Adult Day Health Care center in January 1990, the Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care center in July 1990 and finally the Herndon Harbor Adult Day Health Care center in June 2000. In 2006 the county is planning to open a sixth adult day health care center in Fairfax City.

In 1986, the Annandale and Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care centers were the recipients of the National Achievement Award given by the National Association of Counties. The centers were recognized for their new and innovative programs.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Fairfax County Health Department Adult Day Health Care Program for the immeasurable contributions they have made to the community by taking care of the sick and elderly. I congratulate the program on its successes over the last 25 years and wish for continued success in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding and distinguished institution.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF STATE POLICE CAPTAIN KATHY STEFANI

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has dedicated the better part of her life to ensuring the public safety of our community. She is a pioneer in law enforcement, and a role-model for all who choose to wear the uniform. Dedicated, visionary, and compassionate, she has left a lasting legacy on the Massachusetts State Police, the troopers under her command, and the public she serves.

I'm talking of Capt. Kathy Stefani.

Where I'm from, it's not uncommon for children to want to follow in their parents' professional footsteps. No where is this more so than with the police department. So it was with a special pride that Kathy's father, Gerry Coletta, a good friend and my chief administrative assistant from my tenure as Norfolk district attorney, encouraged her pursuit of a law enforcement career.

Joining the ranks of the Massachusetts State Police force in 1978, she was one of only three women on the job. It was clear from the beginning that her career was going to be special.

In 1995, when she was elevated to the rank of lieutenant, she became the first State Police officer to run the Commonwealth's crime Lab. During her tenure there, she successfully se-

cured a \$1 million grant to develop the first DNA testing facilities in Massachusetts.

And, in 1999, when Kathy was promoted again she made more history as the first woman ever to hold the rank of captain. Law enforcement has always been a family affair, and at her promotion ceremony she proudly accepted her husband Michael's badge as her own.

During her 26 years on the force, Captain Stefani has been involved with some of the most important public events in recent memory. Long before we talked about homeland security, she used her position as Troop H commander to push for a more integrated approach for securing large events—including the 2000 Presidential Debate held at UMASS-Boston, the annual Sail Boston events, the July 4th celebrations on the Esplanade.

During her long career she's been recognized with the Superintendent's Commendation, the Distinguished Service Award for Forensic Science and the prestigious State Police Medal of Merit.

But perhaps the greatest compliments come from those who don't know her personally, but benefit from her forward-thinking plan for the State crime lab during the 1990's. Long before television shows like CSI made forensic science popular, Captain Stefani recognized the role that DNA testing could play in bringing criminals, especially rapists, to justice. Her perseverance in advocating for this technology has brought solace and comfort to victims and their families.

As Captain Stefani prepares to enter into a well-deserved retirement, I doubt very much that she'll be working on her tennis game. My guess is that she'll continue to be involved professionally—inspiring the next generation in the classroom; being a role-model to those who continue to wear the uniform, like her brother Chip; being an involved mom to her two kids, and a loving wife to Michael; and a devoted daughter to Gerry and Marge.

I'm honored to add my voice to the chorus of friends, family and colleagues who wish her well as she embarks on her retirement. Job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 6, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall vote No. 7. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 7.

On Tuesday, January 25, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 8 and 9. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both votes.

On Wednesday, January 26, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 10–13. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Nos. 10, 11, and 12, and "yea" on rollcall No. 13.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 11TH
GRADUATING CLASS OF INDIANA
UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST'S
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and admiration that I offer congratulations to many of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, February 4, 2005, Indiana University Northwest's Leadership Development Program will honor their 11th graduating class.

The Institute for Innovative Leadership is a partnership between Indiana University Northwest and Northwest Indiana's community and business leadership throughout all sectors. The Institute is designed to create a binding link between educational experience and leadership practice. The Leadership Development Program is the core of the Institute. Various resources are utilized to help ensure that students of every level acquire the skills, knowledge, values, motivation and vision needed for success in careers and as citizens.

The Institute for Innovative Leadership will be recognizing and honoring the following 2004 Graduates: Bobbi Atzhorn, Sandra Bowie, Alice Carter, Gail Coleman, Larry Hayden, Crystal Jelks, Brock Lloyd, Ryan Mistarz, Melissa Murdock, Damian Perkins, Mary Louise Rieger, Cora Robinson, Jennifer Stewart, Gabriela Tirado, and Reginald Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these hardworking individuals. I am very proud to honor them in Washington, DC.

ON THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL
LEAVE ACT

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, February 5, 2005, will mark the 12th anniversary of legislation that has made an enormous difference in the lives of millions of working Americans since its enactment in 1993. I speak of course of the Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA.

I count myself among the Family and Medical Leave Act's strongest supporters. Since its enactment, this law has brought peace of mind and job security during critical times to millions of American workers and their families. The FMLA allows qualified employees to take unpaid leave from their employer for the birth or adoption of a child, to attend to the serious health crisis of a family member, or attend to their own serious medical issue. The law makes clear that no American should have to choose between caring for a gravely ill family member and losing his or her job.

Since its enactment in 1993, millions of Americans have used the FMLA to take time to care for a newborn, to attend to an adult parent or child's serious illness, or perhaps to